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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Liias, Johnson, O'Brien, Morrell, Maxwell, Sullivan, Simpson, Van De Wege, Kenney, Ericks, and Sells; by request of Washington State Patrol)

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AN ACT Relating to approaching certain emergency, roadside assistance, or police vehicles in emergency zones; amending RCW 46.61.212, 46.63.020, 46.20.342, and 46.63.110; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.212 and 2007 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read 8 as follows:

9 (1) The driver of any motor vehicle, upon approaching an emergency zone, which is defined as the adjacent lanes of the roadway two hundred 10 feet before and after (a) a stationary authorized emergency vehicle 11 12 that is making use of audible and/or visual signals meeting the requirements of RCW 46.37.190, (b) a tow truck that is making use of 13 14 visual red lights meeting the requirements of RCW 46.37.196, (c) other 15 vehicles providing roadside assistance that are making use of warning 16 lights with three hundred sixty degree visibility, or (d) a police vehicle properly and lawfully displaying a flashing, blinking, or 17 18 alternating emergency light or lights, shall:

1 (((1))) (i) On a highway having four or more lanes, at least two of 2 which are intended for traffic proceeding in the same direction as the 3 approaching vehicle, proceed with caution and, if reasonable, with due 4 regard for safety and traffic conditions, yield the right-of-way by 5 making a lane change or moving away from the lane or shoulder occupied 6 by the stationary authorized emergency vehicle or police vehicle;

7 (((2))) <u>(ii)</u> On a highway having less than four lanes, proceed with 8 caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, and, if reasonable, with due 9 regard for safety and traffic conditions, and under the rules of this 10 chapter, yield the right-of-way by passing to the left at a safe 11 distance and simultaneously yield the right-of-way to all vehicles 12 traveling in the proper direction upon the highway; or

13 (((3))) <u>(iii)</u> If changing lanes or moving away would be 14 unreasonable or unsafe, proceed with due caution and reduce the speed 15 of the vehicle.

16 (2) A person may not drive a vehicle in an emergency zone at a 17 speed greater than the posted speed limit.

18 (3) A person found to be in violation of this section, or any 19 infraction relating to speed restrictions in an emergency zone, must be 20 assessed a monetary penalty equal to twice the penalty assessed under 21 RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

(4) A person who drives a vehicle in an emergency zone in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any emergency zone worker or property is guilty of reckless endangerment of emergency zone workers. A violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

27 (5) The department shall suspend for sixty days the driver's
 28 license, permit to drive, or nonresident driving privilege of a person
 29 convicted of reckless endangerment of emergency zone workers.

30 Sec. 2. (1) Within existing resources, the state NEW SECTION. 31 patrol and the department of transportation shall conduct education and 32 outreach efforts regarding emergency zones, including drivers' obligations in emergency zones and the penalties for violating these 33 34 obligations, for at least ninety days after the effective date of this 35 The education and outreach efforts must include the use of act. 36 department of transportation variable message signs.

37 (2) This section expires June 30, 2011.

1 Sec. 3. RCW 46.63.020 and 2009 c 485 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

Failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act 3 4 prohibited by this title or an equivalent administrative regulation or local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution relating to traffic 5 6 including parking, standing, stopping, and pedestrian offenses, is 7 designated as a traffic infraction and may not be classified as a 8 criminal offense, except for an offense contained in the following provisions of this title or a violation of an equivalent administrative 9 10 regulation or local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution:

(1) RCW 46.09.120(2) relating to the operation of a nonhighway vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance;

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(2) RCW 46.09.130 relating to operation of nonhighway vehicles;

15 (3) RCW 46.10.090(2) relating to the operation of a snowmobile 16 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-17 forming drugs or in a manner endangering the person of another;

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(4) RCW 46.10.130 relating to the operation of snowmobiles;

19 (5) Chapter 46.12 RCW relating to certificates of ownership and 20 registration and markings indicating that a vehicle has been destroyed 21 or declared a total loss;

(6) RCW 46.16.010 relating to the nonpayment of taxes and fees by failure to register a vehicle and falsifying residency when registering a motor vehicle;

25 (7) RCW 46.16.011 relating to permitting unauthorized persons to 26 drive;

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(8) RCW 46.16.160 relating to vehicle trip permits;

(9) RCW 46.16.381(2) relating to knowingly providing false information in conjunction with an application for a special placard or license plate for disabled persons' parking;

31 (10) RCW 46.20.005 relating to driving without a valid driver's 32 license;

33 (11) RCW 46.20.091 relating to false statements regarding a 34 driver's license or instruction permit;

35 (12) RCW 46.20.0921 relating to the unlawful possession and use of 36 a driver's license;

37 (13) RCW 46.20.342 relating to driving with a suspended or revoked
 38 license or status;

(14) RCW 46.20.345 relating to the operation of a motor vehicle 1 2 with a suspended or revoked license;

(15) RCW 46.20.410 relating to the violation of restrictions of an 3 4 occupational driver's license, temporary restricted driver's license, or ignition interlock driver's license; 5

(16) RCW 46.20.740 relating to operation of a motor vehicle without б 7 an ignition interlock device in violation of a license notation that 8 the device is required;

(17) RCW 46.20.750 relating to circumventing an ignition interlock 9 10 device;

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(18) RCW 46.25.170 relating to commercial driver's licenses;

12 (19) Chapter 46.29 RCW relating to financial responsibility;

13 (20) RCW 46.30.040 relating to providing false evidence of 14 financial responsibility;

(21) RCW 46.37.435 relating to wrongful 15 installation of 16 sunscreening material;

17 (22) RCW 46.37.650 relating to the sale, resale, distribution, or installation of a previously deployed air bag; 18

(23) RCW 46.37.671 through 46.37.675 relating to signal preemption 19 devices; 20

21 (24) RCW 46.44.180 relating to operation of mobile home pilot 22 vehicles;

(25) RCW 46.48.175 relating to the transportation of dangerous 23 24 articles;

25 (26) RCW 46.52.010 relating to duty on striking an unattended car 26 or other property;

(27) RCW 46.52.020 relating to duty in case of injury to or death 27 of a person or damage to an attended vehicle; 28

29 (28) RCW 46.52.090 relating to reports by repairmen, storagemen, 30 and appraisers;

(29) RCW 46.52.130 relating to confidentiality of the driving 31 32 record to be furnished to an insurance company, an employer, and an alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency; 33

34 (30) RCW 46.55.020 relating to engaging in the activities of a registered tow truck operator without a registration certificate; 35

36 (31) RCW 46.55.035 relating to prohibited practices by tow truck 37 operators;

38 (32) RCW 46.55.300 relating to vehicle immobilization;

(33) RCW 46.61.015 relating to obedience to police officers, 1 2 flaggers, or firefighters; (34) RCW 46.61.020 relating to refusal to give information to or 3 4 cooperate with an officer; (35) RCW 46.61.022 relating to failure to stop and give 5 6 identification to an officer; 7 (36) RCW 46.61.024 relating to attempting to elude pursuing police 8 vehicles; (37) <u>RCW 46.61.212(4)</u> relating to reckless endangerment of 9 10 emergency zone workers; 11 (38) RCW 46.61.500 relating to reckless driving; 12 (((38))) <u>(39)</u> RCW 46.61.502 and 46.61.504 relating to persons under 13 the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs; (((39))) (40) RCW 46.61.503 relating to a person under age twenty-14 one driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol; 15 (((40))) (41) RCW 46.61.520 relating to vehicular homicide by motor 16 17 vehicle; 18 (((41))) (42) RCW 46.61.522 relating to vehicular assault; 19 (((42))) (43) RCW 46.61.5249 relating to first degree negligent 20 driving; 21 (((43))) (44) RCW 46.61.527(4) relating to reckless endangerment of roadway workers; 22 23 (((44))) (45) RCW 46.61.530 relating to racing of vehicles on 24 highways; 25 (((45))) (46) RCW 46.61.655(7) (a) and (b) relating to failure to 26 secure a load; 27 (((46))) (47) RCW 46.61.685 relating to leaving children in an 28 unattended vehicle with the motor running; 29 (((47))) (48) RCW 46.61.740 relating to theft of motor vehicle 30 fuel; (((48))) (49) RCW 46.64.010 relating to unlawful cancellation of or 31 attempt to cancel a traffic citation; 32 33 (((49))) (50) RCW 46.64.048 relating to attempting, aiding, abetting, coercing, and committing crimes; 34 35 ((((50))) <u>(51)</u> Chapter 46.65 RCW relating to habitual traffic 36 offenders; 37 (((51))) (52) RCW 46.68.010 relating to false statements made to obtain a refund; 38

1 (((52))) (53) RCW 46.35.030 relating to recording device 2 information;

3 (((53))) (54) Chapter 46.70 RCW relating to unfair motor vehicle
4 business practices, except where that chapter provides for the
5 assessment of monetary penalties of a civil nature;

6 (((54))) <u>(55)</u> Chapter 46.72 RCW relating to the transportation of 7 passengers in for hire vehicles;

8 (((55))) <u>(56)</u> RCW 46.72A.060 relating to limousine carrier 9 insurance;

10 ((((56)))) <u>(57)</u> RCW 46.72A.070 relating to operation of a limousine 11 without a vehicle certificate;

12 ((((57))) <u>(58)</u> RCW 46.72A.080 relating to false advertising by a
13 limousine carrier;

14 (((58))) <u>(59)</u> Chapter 46.80 RCW relating to motor vehicle wreckers;

15 (((59))) <u>(60)</u> Chapter 46.82 RCW relating to driver's training 16 schools;

17 (((60))) <u>(61)</u> RCW 46.87.260 relating to alteration or forgery of a 18 cab card, letter of authority, or other temporary authority issued 19 under chapter 46.87 RCW;

20 (((61))) <u>(62)</u> RCW 46.87.290 relating to operation of an 21 unregistered or unlicensed vehicle under chapter 46.87 RCW.

22 Sec. 4. RCW 46.20.342 and 2008 c 282 s 4 are each amended to read 23 as follows:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle in this state while that person is in a suspended or revoked status or when his or her privilege to drive is suspended or revoked in this or any other state. Any person who has a valid Washington driver's license is not guilty of a violation of this section.

29 (a) A person found to be an habitual offender under chapter 46.65 RCW, who violates this section while an order of revocation issued 30 31 under chapter 46.65 RCW prohibiting such operation is in effect, is 32 quilty of driving while license suspended or revoked in the first degree, a gross misdemeanor. Upon the first such conviction, the 33 person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten days. 34 35 Upon the second conviction, the person shall be punished by 36 imprisonment for not less than ninety days. Upon the third or 37 subsequent conviction, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one hundred eighty days. If the person is also convicted of the offense defined in RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, when both convictions arise from the same event, the minimum sentence of confinement shall be not less than ninety days. The minimum sentence of confinement required shall not be suspended or deferred. A conviction under this subsection does not prevent a person from petitioning for reinstatement as provided by RCW 46.65.080.

8 (b) A person who violates this section while an order of suspension or revocation prohibiting such operation is in effect and while the 9 person is not eligible to reinstate his or her driver's license or 10 11 driving privilege, other than for a suspension for the reasons 12 described in (c) of this subsection, is guilty of driving while license 13 suspended or revoked in the second degree, a gross misdemeanor. This subsection applies when a person's driver's license or driving 14 privilege has been suspended or revoked by reason of: 15

16 (i) A conviction of a felony in the commission of which a motor 17 vehicle was used;

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(ii) A previous conviction under this section;

(iii) A notice received by the department from a court or diversion unit as provided by RCW 46.20.265, relating to a minor who has committed, or who has entered a diversion unit concerning an offense relating to alcohol, legend drugs, controlled substances, or imitation controlled substances;

(iv) A conviction of RCW 46.20.410, relating to the violation of restrictions of an occupational driver's license, a temporary restricted driver's license, or an ignition interlock driver's license;

(v) A conviction of RCW 46.20.345, relating to the operation of a
 motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license;

(vi) A conviction of RCW 46.52.020, relating to duty in case of
 injury to or death of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;

31 (vii) A conviction of RCW 46.61.024, relating to attempting to 32 elude pursuing police vehicles;

33 (viii) <u>A conviction of RCW 46.61.212(4)</u>, relating to reckless 34 <u>endangerment of emergency zone workers</u>;

(ix) A conviction of RCW 46.61.500, relating to reckless driving;
 (((ix))) (x) A conviction of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, relating
 to a person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;

1 (((x))) (<u>xi)</u> A conviction of RCW 46.61.520, relating to vehicular
2 homicide;

3 (((xi))) <u>(xii)</u> A conviction of RCW 46.61.522, relating to vehicular
4 assault;

5 (((xii))) (xiii) A conviction of RCW 46.61.527(4), relating to 6 reckless endangerment of roadway workers;

7 (((xiii))) (xiv) A conviction of RCW 46.61.530, relating to racing 8 of vehicles on highways;

9 (((xiv))) <u>(xv)</u> A conviction of RCW 46.61.685, relating to leaving 10 children in an unattended vehicle with motor running;

11 (((xv))) <u>(xvi)</u> A conviction of RCW 46.61.740, relating to theft of 12 motor vehicle fuel;

13 (((xvi))) <u>(xvii)</u> A conviction of RCW 46.64.048, relating to 14 attempting, aiding, abetting, coercing, and committing crimes;

15 (((xvii))) <u>(xviii)</u> An administrative action taken by the department 16 under chapter 46.20 RCW; or

17 (((xviii))) (xix) A conviction of a local law, ordinance, 18 regulation, or resolution of a political subdivision of this state, the 19 federal government, or any other state, of an offense substantially 20 similar to a violation included in this subsection.

(c) A person who violates this section when his or her driver's 21 22 license or driving privilege is, at the time of the violation, 23 suspended or revoked solely because (i) the person must furnish proof of satisfactory progress in a required alcoholism or drug treatment 24 25 program, (ii) the person must furnish proof of financial responsibility 26 for the future as provided by chapter 46.29 RCW, (iii) the person has 27 failed to comply with the provisions of chapter 46.29 RCW relating to uninsured accidents, (iv) the person has failed to respond to a notice 28 29 of traffic infraction, failed to appear at a requested hearing, 30 violated a written promise to appear in court, or has failed to comply with the terms of a notice of traffic infraction or citation, as 31 32 provided in RCW 46.20.289, (v) the person has committed an offense in another state that, if committed in this state, would not be grounds 33 for the suspension or revocation of the person's driver's license, (vi) 34 35 the person has been suspended or revoked by reason of one or more of 36 the items listed in (b) of this subsection, but was eligible to 37 reinstate his or her driver's license or driving privilege at the time 38 of the violation, or (vii) the person has received traffic citations or

notices of traffic infraction that have resulted in a suspension under RCW 46.20.267 relating to intermediate drivers' licenses, or any combination of <u>(c)(i)</u> through (vii) <u>of this subsection</u>, is guilty of driving while license suspended or revoked in the third degree, a misdemeanor.

6 (2) Upon receiving a record of conviction of any person or upon 7 receiving an order by any juvenile court or any duly authorized court 8 officer of the conviction of any juvenile under this section, the 9 department shall:

10 (a) For a conviction of driving while suspended or revoked in the 11 first degree, as provided by subsection (1)(a) of this section, extend 12 the period of administrative revocation imposed under chapter 46.65 RCW 13 for an additional period of one year from and after the date the person 14 would otherwise have been entitled to apply for a new license or have 15 his or her driving privilege restored; or

(b) For a conviction of driving while suspended or revoked in the second degree, as provided by subsection (1)(b) of this section, not issue a new license or restore the driving privilege for an additional period of one year from and after the date the person would otherwise have been entitled to apply for a new license or have his or her driving privilege restored; or

(c) Not extend the period of suspension or revocation if the conviction was under subsection (1)(c) of this section. If the conviction was under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and the court recommends against the extension and the convicted person has obtained a valid driver's license, the period of suspension or revocation shall not be extended.

28 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.63.110 and 2009 c 479 s 39 are each amended to read 29 as follows:

30 (1) A person found to have committed a traffic infraction shall be 31 assessed a monetary penalty. No penalty may exceed two hundred and 32 fifty dollars for each offense unless authorized by this chapter or 33 title.

(2) The monetary penalty for a violation of (a) RCW 46.55.105(2) is
two hundred fifty dollars for each offense; (b) RCW 46.61.210(1) is
five hundred dollars for each offense. No penalty assessed under this
subsection (2) may be reduced.

1 (3) The supreme court shall prescribe by rule a schedule of 2 monetary penalties for designated traffic infractions. This rule shall 3 also specify the conditions under which local courts may exercise 4 discretion in assessing fines and penalties for traffic infractions. 5 The legislature respectfully requests the supreme court to adjust this 6 schedule every two years for inflation.

7 (4) There shall be a penalty of twenty-five dollars for failure to 8 respond to a notice of traffic infraction except where the infraction relates to parking as defined by local law, ordinance, regulation, or 9 10 resolution or failure to pay a monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter. A local legislative body may set a monetary penalty not 11 12 to exceed twenty-five dollars for failure to respond to a notice of 13 traffic infraction relating to parking as defined by local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution. The local court, whether a 14 municipal, police, or district court, shall impose the monetary penalty 15 set by the local legislative body. 16

17 (5) Monetary penalties provided for in chapter 46.70 RCW which are 18 civil in nature and penalties which may be assessed for violations of 19 chapter 46.44 RCW relating to size, weight, and load of motor vehicles 20 are not subject to the limitation on the amount of monetary penalties 21 which may be imposed pursuant to this chapter.

22 (6) Whenever a monetary penalty, fee, cost, assessment, or other 23 monetary obligation is imposed by a court under this chapter it is 24 immediately payable. If the court determines, in its discretion, that a person is not able to pay a monetary obligation in full, and not more 25 26 than one year has passed since the later of July 1, 2005, or the date the monetary obligation initially became due and payable, the court 27 shall enter into a payment plan with the person, unless the person has 28 29 previously been granted a payment plan with respect to the same 30 monetary obligation, or unless the person is in noncompliance of any existing or prior payment plan, in which case the court may, at its 31 32 discretion, implement a payment plan. If the court has notified the department that the person has failed to pay or comply and the person 33 has subsequently entered into a payment plan and made an initial 34 35 payment, the court shall notify the department that the infraction has 36 been adjudicated, and the department shall rescind any suspension of 37 the person's driver's license or driver's privilege based on failure to respond to that infraction. "Payment plan," as used in this section, 38

means a plan that requires reasonable payments based on the financial ability of the person to pay. The person may voluntarily pay an amount at any time in addition to the payments required under the payment plan.

(a) If a payment required to be made under the payment plan is 5 delinquent or the person fails to complete a community restitution 6 7 program on or before the time established under the payment plan, 8 unless the court determines good cause therefor and adjusts the payment plan or the community restitution plan accordingly, the court shall 9 10 notify the department of the person's failure to meet the conditions of the plan, and the department shall suspend the person's driver's 11 12 license or driving privilege until all monetary obligations, including 13 those imposed under subsections (3) and (4) of this section, have been 14 paid, and court authorized community restitution has been completed, or until the department has been notified that the court has entered into 15 a new time payment or community restitution agreement with the person. 16

17 (b) If a person has not entered into a payment plan with the court 18 and has not paid the monetary obligation in full on or before the time 19 established for payment, the court shall notify the department of the The department shall suspend the person's driver's 20 delinguency. 21 license or driving privilege until all monetary obligations have been 22 paid, including those imposed under subsections (3) and (4) of this 23 section, or until the person has entered into a payment plan under this 24 section.

(c) If the payment plan is to be administered by the court, the court may assess the person a reasonable administrative fee to be wholly retained by the city or county with jurisdiction. The administrative fee shall not exceed ten dollars per infraction or twenty-five dollars per payment plan, whichever is less.

30 (d) Nothing in this section precludes a court from contracting with 31 outside entities to administer its payment plan system. When outside 32 entities are used for the administration of a payment plan, the court 33 may assess the person a reasonable fee for such administrative 34 services, which fee may be calculated on a periodic, percentage, or 35 other basis.

36 (e) If a court authorized community restitution program for 37 offenders is available in the jurisdiction, the court may allow

conversion of all or part of the monetary obligations due under this
 section to court authorized community restitution in lieu of time
 payments if the person is unable to make reasonable time payments.

4 (7) In addition to any other penalties imposed under this section
5 and not subject to the limitation of subsection (1) of this section, a
6 person found to have committed a traffic infraction shall be assessed:

7 (a) A fee of five dollars per infraction. Under no circumstances 8 shall this fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be 9 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the emergency medical 10 services and trauma care system trust account under RCW 70.168.040;

(b) A fee of ten dollars per infraction. Under no circumstances shall this fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the Washington auto theft prevention authority account; and

15 (c) A fee of two dollars per infraction. Revenue from this fee 16 shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the traumatic 17 brain injury account established in RCW 74.31.060.

18 (8)(a) In addition to any other penalties imposed under this 19 section and not subject to the limitation of subsection (1) of this section, a person found to have committed a traffic infraction other 20 21 than of RCW 46.61.527 or 46.61.212 shall be assessed an additional 22 penalty of twenty dollars. The court may not reduce, waive, or suspend 23 the additional penalty unless the court finds the offender to be 24 indigent. If a court authorized community restitution program for offenders is available in the jurisdiction, the court shall allow 25 26 offenders to offset all or a part of the penalty due under this 27 subsection (8) by participation in the court authorized community 28 restitution program.

(b) Eight dollars and fifty cents of the additional penalty under 29 30 (a) of this subsection shall be remitted to the state treasurer. The remaining revenue from the additional penalty must be remitted under 31 32 chapters 2.08, 3.46, 3.50, 3.62, 10.82, and 35.20 RCW. Money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer must be deposited in the 33 state general fund. The balance of the revenue received by the county 34 35 or city treasurer under this subsection must be deposited into the 36 county or city current expense fund. Moneys retained by the city or 37 county under this subsection shall constitute reimbursement for any liabilities under RCW 43.135.060. 38

1 (9) If a legal proceeding, such as garnishment, has commenced to 2 collect any delinquent amount owed by the person for any penalty 3 imposed by the court under this section, the court may, at its 4 discretion, enter into a payment plan.

5 (10) The monetary penalty for violating RCW 46.37.395 is: (a) Two 6 hundred fifty dollars for the first violation; (b) five hundred dollars 7 for the second violation; and (c) seven hundred fifty dollars for each 8 violation thereafter.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. This act takes effect January 1, 2011.

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